Sl. No.	State/UT/ Board	SC			ST			Grand Total
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	
14	Kerala	1	5	6	—	4	4	10
15	Gujarat	6	—	6	5	4	9	15
16	Himachal Pradesh	1	3	4	2	2	4	8
17	Meghalaya	—	—	—	2	2	4	4
18	Haryana	4	2	6	2	1	3	9
19	Nagaland	—	2	2	2	3	5	7
	TOTAL :	**120**	**73**	**193**	**45**	**45**	**90**	**283**

Determination of age of senior citizens

2828. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is no uniformity in definition of senior citizens in the country resulting in a lot of confusions;

(b) whether as per the railway concession fare, the age for senior citizens is 60 years and for income tax purposes a senior citizen has to be of 65 years and similarly in the forthcoming LIC scheme the senior citizen has to be of 55 years; and

(c) whether Government would consider this issue and bring about a uniformity in the matter of age of a senior citizen?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI NAGMANI): (a) The National Policy on Older Persons announced by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment in the year 1999 recognises a person who has attained the age of 60 plus as a senior citizen. However, for extending facilities/ benefits/concessions to the senior citizens, the different Ministries/ Departments concerned have taken their own decision as regards the age criteria of senior citizens based on commercial and other considerations.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment is the nodal Ministry responsible for the welfare of the senior citizens. It has announced the National Policy on Older Persons in the year 1999 which recognizes a person who has attained the age of 60 plus as a senior citizen. The Ministry has taken up the matter of recognizing senior citizens as persons aged 60 years and above with the concerned Ministries/Departments. However, different Ministries/Departments have taken their own decision as regards age for extending facilities/concessions based on commercial and other considerations.

Reservation for OBC in Tripura

2829. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the States where reservation for OBC people has not been in force;

(b) the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that Tripura can not introduce reservation for OBC as 50 per cent quota has already been exhausted; and

(d) whether Government would decide upon bringing an amendment in the Constitution to provide reservation for OBC people in the State services of Tripura?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI NAGMANI): (a) and (b) The details are given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below)

(c) The Government of Tripura has provided 47% reservation out of which 16% is for Scheduled Caste and 31% for Scheduled Tribes in Civil Post and Services under the State Government. In view of Supreme Court Judgement in the Indira Sawhney and Others Vs. Union of India & Others, the total reservation cannot exceed 50%.

(d) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.